Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) O. S. No. 173/1105.

(2) Rs. 1,69,094—1—3.

(3) The suit was filed on 15th Mithunam 1104.

(4) The 10th defendant contests the suit. He has already examined 2 witnesses. The case stands adjourned to 17th Vrischigam 1106 for recording the rest of the evidence.

(5) No.

(6) Since the question of personal liability is also involved in this matter the procedure referred to was not adopted.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The suit was filed on 15th Mithunam 1104. May I know when the Government applied for the Receiver?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The court appointed a Receiver two months ago.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—And Mr. Kurup was relieved?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—He was not relieved?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—His contract terminated in April 1930, I think.

Mr. V. K. Aravindkasha Menon.—Perhaps.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What was the difficulty in answering about the question of inter regnum, the intervening period?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That was so.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That period is clear now—about four or five months.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

103. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(a) whether they have instituted a suit against the Cochin Tanneries Ltd., for recovering the amounts due to the Government from the Company, if so when and what is the amount sued for;

(b) what is the amount of costs already incurred by the Government in this connection and how much more will have to be spent by way of Vakil's fee, etc;

(c) did the Government make any written demand of the Company for payment before instituting the suit;

(d) why was the course of instituting a suit adopted when the cheaper remedy of a petition for winding-up could have been availed of by the Government; was the latter course suggested to the Government by its legal advisors;

(e) does the Government know whether the Company is able to pay its dues without selling the plant, machinery, etc.;

(f) is the company a going concern at present?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Vide answer to question No. 102.

(b) Rs. 3,099—1—9. The expenditure that will have to be incurred hereafter cannot be estimated at this stage.

(c) Yes.

(d) Since the question of the personal liability of Mr. Kurup is also involved in this matter the "winding up" procedure could not be adopted in this case. The Government adopted this course after discussing the matter with their legal advisers.

(e) The Government is not in a position to give a definite answer to the question at present.

(f) No.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Are the accounts of this Company audited, the Cochin Tanneries?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—What are the other assets shown, other than the plant, machinery, etc., which are available for the creditors, by the auditor? Are there any other assets?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A reference has to be made to the Balance sheet of the Company to answer that question.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—May I know when the last audit was made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The exact date I cannot give.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Can the Government definitely say whether for the last four or five years any audit has been made so far as the affairs of this are concerned?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Annual audit is being made by a certified auditor, not by Government.

Relief to the poor.

104. Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—With reference to the answer to the question No. 172 of the budget session of 1105, will the Government be pleased to state.—

കായലോരങ്ങളിൽ താമസിക്കുന്നതും തൊഴിലില്ലാതെ കഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്നതുമായ സാധുക്കളുടെ രക്ഷാർത്ഥം ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ചെയ്യുവരുന്ന ഏതെങ്കിലും രണ്ടുകാര്യങ്ങൾ പറയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.—അധികമായവർക്കാർക്കുകൂടി പാർപ്പാൻ സ്ഥലങ്ങളും മീൻപിടിപ്പാനുള്ള അവകാശവും താഴ്ന്ന നിരക്കനുസരിച്ചു കൊടുത്തുവരുന്നുണ്ട്.

Eriyad School.

105. Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—With reference to the answer to the question No. 174 (a) of the budget session 1105 will the Government be pleased to state:—

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